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Constantinople, Octob. 2.

ON the 9th of *August* last, arrived here the Palatine of *Culm*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Crown of *Poland*, to ratifie the last concluded Peace. The next day he made his Publick Entry with greater State and Solemnity. Some dayes after his Excellency had Audience of the Grand Visier, to whom he delivered Letters from the King and Chancellor of *Poland*. The first of *September* he was conducted to his Audience of the Grand Signior (having first sent the Presents he was charged with for the Grand Signior) passing from his House to the great Seraglio on Horseback; and having passed the second Court, where the *Janisaries* were in Arms, he was brought into the Hall of the Divan, accompanied only by eight of the principal persons of his Train. His Excellency found there the Grand Visier, and after a short Conference with him, was treated with Sweet-meats, &c. which done, Vests were distributed to the said eight persons attending his Excellency, who was then conducted to the Chamber of the Grand Signior, having only with him his two Sons, the Secretary of the Embassy his chief Interpreter, and two or three of the chief Officers belonging to the Seraglio. The Audience performed, his Excellency was reconducted, and since hath had several Conferences with the Grand Visier, upon the affairs of the two Nations. The same day the Deputies of *Ragusa* had Audience, and presented the annual Tribute of that Republick.

Madrid, Decemb. 15. The 8th instant dyed here the Marquis *de Leede*, on whom his Majesty had some dayes before conferred the charge of General of Battalia of his Armies. *Don Hieronimo de Quinones*, who was sent with the Succors to *Oran* in *Africa*, is made Governor of *Malaga*, in the room of the Marquis *de Monroy*. On Friday last Signior *Fredrico Cornaro*, Ambassador from the Republick of *Venice*, made his publick Entry here.

Rome Decemb. 17. The matters in difference between the *Spanish* Ambassador the Marquis *de Liche*, and this Court, continue in the same state as formerly, the Ambassador seeming resolved not to quit his Pretensions, concerning the Priviledges he pretends due to him as Ambassador, and the Pope not to allow them. We have Letters from *Sicily* which inform us, that one of the *Spanish* Men of War, called the *Conception* of *Naples*, as it was Careening at *Palermo*, took fire, and was burnt. That the Marquis *de Bayonne*, General of the Gallies, was gone from *Palermo* to *Naples*, because he would not be under the Orders of the Cardinal *de Porto Carrero*. That the Marquis *de Villa Fiel* had received a Commission from *Spain*, to command the Kings Naval Forces in the absence of the Marquis *de Bayonne*. That *Don Diego Bragamonte* had been dismissed from his Command of General of the Cavalry, and that it was believed he would be sent Prisoner to *Madrid*, being charged to have been the occasion of the disturbances which have hapned at *Catanea*.

Venice, Decemb. 18. By several persons arrived from the *Levant*, we are assured that the Plague, and other Contagious distempers, which have very much raged in several parts of the *Ottoman* Territories, are of late very much diminished; so that the Merchants hope they shall in a short time be able to renew their Commerce with those places. From *Constantinople* we have advice, that the *Turkish* Gallies having gathered the Contributions of the Isles under the *Turkish* obedience, were returned thither, and that most of the Corsairs of *Barbary*, which Cruise in the *Levant*, were gone into the Port; of which the Christians taking advantage, do at present very much disturb the Trade and Navigation of the *Turks*. That the Grand Visier was fitting out a great many Gallies, and other Vessels, to be employed in the *Black Sea* against the *Moscovites*. The Prince and Princess of *Radzeville* are arrived here, and have had great Civilities shown them, by Order of the Senate.

Genoua, Decemb. 18. After all the discourse concerning the intention of *France* to bring the War into *Milan*, the *Spaniards* seem not very apprehensive of it, and look upon it only as an amusement, and that the design of the *French* therein is to give them an alarm, and to put them to an unnecessary charge on this side. From *Thoulon* we have certain advice, that they are preparing there a very great Convoy for *Messina*, and that the Duke *de la Feuillade* is to succeed the Duke *de Vivonne*, who has desired leave to return home, to look after his own particular affairs, which have suffered by his long absence.

Vienna, Decemb. 21. There is News at Court that the Grand Signior has deposed *Abafti* Prince of *Transilvania*, and hath given that Principality to another, who is more a Friend to the Emperor than *Abafti* was, which some look upon as done expresly to gratifie his Imperial Majesty, who was very much displeased with *Abafti*, because of the protection and assistance he gave to the Rebels, but others believe there was some other more powerful consideration which led the *Port* to make this change; for we are assured, that notwithstanding those many repeated assurances of the Grand Visier, that he would not give the least countenance to the said Rebels, they have had their Deputies very lately at *Constantinople*, and that the Grand Visier hath had often Conferences with them. The Emperor has resolved to bring a very great Army into the Field the next Campagne, and to begin it very early, in order whereunto the necessary preparations are everywhere making. The Duke of *Lorrains* Marriage will be Celebrated with great Solemnity at *Newstadt*, about the middle of the next month. It is discoursed at Court, as if General *Montecuculi* would command the Emperors Forces this next Campagne in *Germany*, but without any certainty.

Francfort, Decemb. 30. The Troops are now every where in their Winter-quarters, the poor Inhabitants long for the Campagne, to be rid of their troublesome Guests. In the mean time many people talk as if there were appearances of a Peace yet this Winter, which is the